



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

Kootenai National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS | - Regulations, Directives, Orders | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020 | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions . | | | | |

Projects Occurring in more than one Region (excluding Nationwide)

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| Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Special area management | In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023 | Expected:08/2023 | 01/2024 | Becky Blanchard 503-808-2449 becky.blanchard@usda.gov |
| | Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management objectives and practices and desired conditions for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail on public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Mt Baker Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Republic Ranger District, Tonasket Ranger District, Methow Valley Ranger District, Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Olympic National Forest All Units, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana, Washington. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Clallam, Ferry, Island, Jefferson, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Stevens, Whatcom. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA. | | | | |

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| R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide) | | | | | |
| Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Plan EA | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 11/01/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019 | Expected:11/2020 | 12/2020 | Matthew McGrath 503-808-2405 mtmcgrath@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Comprehensive Plan will develop administrative and management goals, objectives and practices for public lands in Forest Service Regions 1 and Regions 6. | | | | |
| | Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52259 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Glacier View Ranger District, Bonners Ferry Ranger District, Fortine Ranger District, Three Rivers Ranger District, Priest Lake Ranger District, Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Idaho, Montana. COUNTY - Bonner, Boundary, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail begins at the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park and travels 1,200 miles through 7 National Forests, 3 National Parks, BLM, state, tribal, municipal and private lands in MT, ID, WA. | | | | |

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| Kootenai National Forest | Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Dry Creek Sediment Reduction EA | - Fuels management - Watershed management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: rehabilitation of deteriorating road system which is currently closed to all public motorized use, and prevent future mass wasting, sediment delivery and erosion from the road system to Dry Creek and related minor tributaries. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46995 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - T28N;R33W;S30;T28N;R33W;S24,25,36; Sanders County, PMM. Dry Creek, a tributary to the Bull River. | | | | |
| East Fork Bull River Floodplain Revegetation Project CE *NEW LISTING* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | Completed | Actual: 10/28/2021 | 11/2021 | Chris Rossel 541-467-5119 Christopher.Rossel@usda.gov |
| | Description: Enhance watershed, riparian areas, and habitat conditions for native trout and wildlife along East Fork Bull River by hand-planting native vegetation along about 800 feet of floodplain. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61042 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located on the northern floodplain of the East Fork Bull River channel between FS road 2278 bridge and confluence with mainstem Bull River. | | | | |

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| Graham Special Use Water Transmission System CE | - Special use management | Completed | Actual: 09/15/2021 | 09/2021 | Elizabeth Youngstrom 218-666-0038 elizabeth.youngstrom@usda.gov |
| | Description: Proponent seeks to improve and partially relocate component of a water collection and transmission system currently under permit (CAB1030). | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60723 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T23N R31W section 14 PPM, White Pine drainage, NFSR 2735. | | | | |
| McKay-Engle EA | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2021 | Expected:08/2022 | 09/2022 | Kira Powell 406-827-0731 kira.powell@usda.gov |
| | Description: Build resistance and resiliency to disturbance through vegetation management, reduce hazardous fuels, provide forest products, and build whitebark pine resistance to blister rust through restoration and planting | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60141 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - portions of sections 4-6 of T25N, R31W; 1 and 2 of T25N, R32W; 7, 16-21, and 28-33 of T26N, R31W; 9-16, 21-28, 33-36 of T26N, R32W, PMM. Approximately 10 miles northwest of Trout Creek, Montana, in the McKay, Orr, and Rock Creek drainages in Sanders County. | | | | |
| Smeads Bench Trail 1077 Reroute CE | - Recreation management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/16/2021 | Expected:07/2021 | 06/2023 | Kira Powell 4068270731 kira.powell@usda.gov |
| | Description: Reroute approximately 1/4 mile segment with chronic erosion issues to a more sustainable location. New section of trail would be a 1/2 mile, constructed to the same trail class standards and specifications with adequate drainage. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60278 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Smeads Creek, west of Noxon MT. Section 20, T 26N R33W, 47.999 115.879. | | | | |

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| Kootenai National Forest Cabinet Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Vermilion River Restoration EA | - Watershed management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Craig Neesvig 406-827-0734 cneesvig@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: stream habitat restoration program proposed for 9 specific reaches on the Vermilion River over a 10 yr period | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=31702 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Cabinet Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - S31-33; T25N; R29W; and S1-4, T24N; R30W; Sanders County; PMM. Vermilion River reaches approx. 3.6 miles in an area beginning ~0.5 miles below Vermilion Falls and downstream to about Lyons Gulch. | | | | |

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| Kootenai National Forest Fortine Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Ten Lakes Travel Management Project EIS | - Recreation management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Moiria McKelvey 406-296-7137 mmckelvey@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Proposed activities include designation of over-snow motorized use areas and non-snow trail management. For more info click here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/kootenai/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3841289&width=full | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprd3841289 . | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Fortine Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is located North and East of Eureka, Montana. | | | | |

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| Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
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| Kootenai National Forest Libby Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Montanore Project EIS | - Minerals and Geology | In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/28/2017 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019 | Expected:04/2020 Actual: 02/12/2016 | 06/2020 | Lynn Hagarty 406-283-7642 lhagarty@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Kootenai National Forest, in conjunction with Montana's Dept. of Environmental Quality will prepare an EIS for a proposal to permit the development of the Montanore silver/copper mine and associated power transmission line by Mines Management Inc | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/kootenai/landmanagement/resourcemanagement/?cid=stelprdb5290833 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln, Sanders. LEGAL - T26N, R29W, S 5, 8, 9; T27N, R29W, S 18-20, 29, 30, 32; T27, R30W, S 16-24; T28N, R30W, S19; T27N, R31W, S 1-3, 9, 11-15; T28N, R31W, S 13-15, 23, 24, 26, 35, 36; T27N, R31W, S 29. Approximately 18 miles south of Libby, MT adjacent to the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness. | | | | |
| Stargazing Mining Operation EA | - Minerals and Geology | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Jamison Smith 406-283-7556 Jamison.Smith@usda.gov |
| | Description: Operators of the Stargazing mine are proposing a mining operation that would remove approximately 100 tons of placer material from the mountainside and set up three core drilling sites to explore for minerals. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58940 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - This project consists of land in Section 28 of Township 29 North, Range 31 West P.M.M. in Lincoln County, Montana. The Stargazing mining claims, and proposed activity, are located on the south side of Little Hoodoo Mountain south of Libby, Montana, and off of the Cherry Creek Road. | | | | |
| Stimson Lumber Company Access CE *UPDATED* | - Special use management - Road management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2021 | Expected:01/2022 | 06/2022 | Keith Karoglanian 406-283-7567 keith.karoglanian@usda.gov |
| | Description: Provide management access to Stimson Lumber Company lands through National Forest land. Two short segments of new road, totaling about 2600 feet (about 3 acres), would replace access on costly and currently inaccessible National Forest System roads. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55008 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - T32N, R31W, S18-19. Northwest of Libby, Montana in the Bobtail Creek drainage off of National Forest System roads 14485 and 6146. | | | | |

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| Swamped EA *UPDATED* | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants- Forest products- Vegetation management (other than forest products)- Fuels management- Watershed management- Road management | In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 04/06/2021 | Expected:08/2022 | 09/2022 | Mandy Rockwell 406-283-7572 mandy.rockwell@usda.gov |
| Description: Use vegetation management treatments to improve forest conditions, hazardous fuels levels, and wildlife habitat; proposal may also include transportation management, watershed improvement, and noxious weed treatment in an area southeast of Libby, MT. | | | | | |
| Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58810 | | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Libby Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - This area consists of lands in all or portions of Townships 27, 28, and 29 North, Ranges 29 and 30 West P.M.M. in Lincoln County, Montana. The project area is southeast of Libby, MT, extending east from Highway 2 to the divide with the Fisher River. It ranges from the Elliot Creek drainage (north end) to lands near Arabian Lane. | | | | | |

| Kootenai National Forest | | Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R1 - Northern Region |
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| Abayance to Bridge Trail Construction CE | - Recreation management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Marcy Butts 406-296-7536 mbutts@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Construct a 6.6 mile segment of the PNT between Abayance Bay Marina and the north side of the Pinkham Creek canyon and another 0.8 mile segment between the sound side of Pinkham Creek canyon and the Koocanusa Bridge to move trail off of HWY 37. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55260 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Sections 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 32, and 33, T36N, R28W; and Sections 4, 5, and 6, T35N, R28W. From Abayance Bay Marina to the Koocanusa Bridge. | | | | |

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| Kootenai National Forest Rexford Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Beaver Creek Private Land Access CE | - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/03/2021 | Expected:09/2021 | 09/2021 | Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 Ronald.Komac@usda.gov |
| | Description: Provide access to private landowner as access through other lands cannot be obtained | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60593 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Beaver Creek drainage southwest of Trego, MT. | | | | |
| Douglas Hill-Tobacco River Recreation Sites CE | - Recreation management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Marcy Butts 406-882-4451 x8341 mbutts@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: modification of 3 recreation sites adjacent to Lake Koocanusa addressing overnight camping, dispersed sites, and ohv use | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59943 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Recreation sites near the mouth of the Tobacco River adjacent to Lake Koocanusa. | | | | |
| Long Lake Private Land Access CE | - Special use management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2021 | Expected:09/2021 | 09/2021 | Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 Ronald.Komac@usda.gov |
| | Description: Provide access to private lands across NFS as other access cannot be obtained through other private land | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60594 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Long Lake area south of Eureka, MT. | | | | |
| Ten Lakes Snowmobile Fun Run 2022 CE *NEW LISTING* | - Recreation management - Special use management | In Progress: Scoping Start 11/16/2021 | Expected:12/2021 | 01/2022 | Ron Komac 406-296-2536 x7130 Ronald.Komac@usda.gov |
| | Description: Authorize an organized oversnow event for a local snowmobile club | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Rexford Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grave Creek Drainage, Big Therriault Lake. | | | | |

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| Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Black Ram (Northwest Yaak) EA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/29/2020 | Expected:02/2021 | 04/2021 | Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: We are proposing timber harvest; mechanical and hand piling of fuels; wildlife and aquatic habitat improvement such as prescribed burning and stream restoration work; and trail and other recreation improvements. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52784 | | | | |
| Keeler Creek Side Channel Plug CE | Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Townships 36 & 37 North,Ranges 30,31,32,&33 West. This project area includes Northwest Yaak from the Canadian border west to the Idaho border, south to the ridge line between Spread Creek and Pete Creek and east to the Yaak River. | | | | |
| | - Watershed management | In Progress: Scoping Start 07/02/2021 | Expected:07/2021 | 07/2021 | Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 lisa.osborn@usda.gov |
| | Description: Plug a side channel of Keeler Creek because the road is at risk of washout. The work would armor the head end of the channel against bankfull and higher runoff events to minimize erosive flow down the channel and towards the road. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60365 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project site is located in Lincoln County, Montana in Section 30, T30N, R35W, approximately 5.5 miles up the unpaved portion of NFSR 473 at the junction with NFSR 404. | | | | |

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| Kootenai National Forest THREE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | | | R1 - Northern Region |
| Knotty Pine EA *UPDATED* | - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 10/06/2021 | Expected:01/2022 | 04/2022 | Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 losborn@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Knotty Pine Project is located north and west of Troy, Montana and includes Pine Creek, Curley Creek, Lime Creek, Rocky Creek, and Red Top Creeks. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57657 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area legal description includes all or portions of Townships 33, 34 and 35 North, Ranges 33 and 34 West, PPM, Lincoln County, Montana. | | | | |
| South Yaak Fire Salvage Project EA *NEW LISTING* | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management | In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 11/05/2021 | Expected:06/2022 | 06/2022 | Lisa Osborn 406-295-4693 lisa.osborn@usda.gov |
| | Description: The proposal includes salvage timber harvesting, commercial roadside hazard tree removal, fuel reduction work following harvest and hazard tree removal, non-commercial roadside hazard tree removal, reforestation, riparian revegetation, and road work. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60990 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The legal description of the project area includes all or portions of Townships 32, 33, and 34 North, Ranges 32, 33, and 34 West, PPM, Lincoln County, Montana. | | | | |
| Yaak Air Force Base NSFI Parcel Conveyance CE | - Land ownership management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Dick Harlow 406-295-4693, dharlow@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The conveyance of a parcel of land that is 0.19 acres in size that is completely surrounded by a single private landowner. To be implemented by a direct sale through the Forest Service Facilities and Realignment Act. | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Three Rivers Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lincoln. LEGAL - SW1/4 Section 35, T36N, R32W, PMM; Lincoln County, MT. NE of Yaak, MT. | | | | |

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